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SUBJECT: NEW ECUADOREAN FISHING LAW

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SUMMARY: OUR BIGGEST PROBLEMS WITH THE PROPOSED ECUADOREAN FISHING LAW (SUCH AS IMPRISONMENT OF TRESPASSING CAPTAINS) HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN REMOVED FROM THE DRAFT -- TEMPORARILY AT LEAST. THE FIGHT IS NOT OVER AND THE ECUADOREAN NAVY FAVORS THEIR INCLUSION.

END SUMMARY.

1. ACTING CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION DISCUSSED PROPOSED NEW FISHERIES LAW WITH AMBASSADOR RODRIGO VALDEZ, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SOUTH

PACIFIC COMMISSION ON APRIL 25, 1973. HE IS AN ECUADOREAN DIPLOMAT ASSIGNED TO THE COMMISSION. HE IS A WELL INFORMED AND RELIABLE SOURCE CLOSE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. WE WERE INFORMED THAT THE DRAFT LAW WAS PRESENTLY BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION (THE ORGANIZATION WHICH REPLACED THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT).

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3. AMBASSADOR VALDEZ TOLD US THAT THE PRESENT DRAFT OF THE FISHERIES LAW DID NOT PROVIDE FOR SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED LICENSE FEES, WOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY LIMIT FOREIGN FLAG FISHING OFF ECUADOR (ALTHOUGH HE SAID THAT IN THREE OR FOUR YEARS THIS ASPECT OF THE LAW WOULD PROBABLY COME INTO EFFECT AS ECUADOR ACHIEVED GREATER FISHING CAPACITY),

DID NOT INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR THE ARRESTS OF FISHING BOAT CAPTAINS CAUGHT FISHING WITHOUT LICENSES, AND THAT THE DRAFT LAW HF. MUMFORD (MRS. MUMFORD)- PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE

SECRETARY OF STATE

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CORPORAL (WRAC) B. S. GOODWIN-PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE CDS

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AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

HE SIR EDWARD PECK (LADY PECK)- PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE,

UK DELEGATION TO NATO

MR. J. M. STEWARD- FIRST SECRETARY, UK DELEGATION TO NATO. GOODBY

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